

Torrance, California
April 29, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, April 29, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Jahn. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Monrad Berguson opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen thanked Reverend Berguson for the Council for his guidance of the Council during the past month.

Mayor Isen asked for a correction of the Minutes of the April 22, 1958, meeting, on Page 22, roll call vote on the motion for reimbursement of the Commissioners; this roll call should have read
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved the Minutes of the April 22, 1958, meeting of the Commission be approved with the correction noted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids for Pipe for the Water Department as follows:

a. 8-inch and 10-inch Bell and Spigot Cast Iron Pipe;

b. 10-inch and 12-inch Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here:

8" and 10" Bell and Spigot Cast Iron Pipe:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM & QUANTITY:</u>	<u>PRICE PER FOOT:</u>
United States Pipe & Foundry Company 448 So. Hill St. Los Angeles, Calif.	10" Pipe - 1,008' 8" Pipe - 2,106'	\$3.67 ft. \$2.782 ft.
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. 6399 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles 48, Calif.	10" x 18' Pipe - 1,008' 8" Pipe - 2,106'	\$3.653 ft. \$2.77 ft.
American Cast Iron Pipe Co. 610 Paramount Bldg. 323 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 13, Calif.	10" Pipe - 1,008' 8" Pipe - 2,106'	\$3.711 ft. \$2.812 ft.

There were no objections, and these bids were all referred to Mr. A. E. McVicar, Water Dept. Supt., for his inspection and recommendation later in the meeting.

City Manager Stevens then opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the one bid on Asbestos-Cement Pipe, as follows:

Johns-Manville Sales Corp.	Class 150 Johns-Manville	
611 So. Catalina Street	Transite Pressure Pipe	
Los Angeles 5, California.		
	5450' of 12"	\$4.11 per ft.
	1775' of 10"	\$3.16 per ft.

There were no objections, and this was also referred to Mr. McVicar for his recommendation later in the meeting.

At 5:40 P. M., Councilman Jahn joined the meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The City Clerk submitted verified claims for alleged property damage resulting from flood waters, submitted by Attorneys Cowan and Peterson, 129 So. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, California, for the following Claimants:

- a. W. T. McClenahan, 22706 Earl St.;
- b. Clarence Graves, 22768 Earl St.;
- c. LaMarr Waite & Stephen Smith, 22726 Earl St.;
- d. George Pagaduan, 22771 Ocean Ave.;
- e. Francis C. Svehla, 22704C Earl St.;
- f. William E. Kilgroe, 22704, 22704½ & 22704A Earl St.;
- g. Harold & Pauline Kemp, 22704 Earl St.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny these claims and refer them to the City Attorney in each and every instance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. An April 24, 1958, letter from the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, signed by Charles H. Peckenpaugh, President of the Los Angeles County Division, concerned the Temporary Organization Committee for the proposed Metropolitan Area Government Study Commission. The letter requested the Council to name its representative (Mayor unless otherwise designated) for the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 21, at 2:00 P. M., in the State Highway Bldg., 120 So. Spring St., Room 2, Basement Auditorium.

There being no objection, Mayor Isen said he would attend the meeting as the representative of Torrance.

3. A communication from the Metropolitan Transportation Engineering Board, 610 So. Main St., Room 987, Los Angeles, was signed by Hugo H. Winter, Chairman; this stated that a map of proposed Freeway and Expressway Plan for Los Angeles County as adopted by the Board was being submitted, and asked that the Council give this Plan their consideration, advise the Board of action taken, prior to its submission in June to the State Department of Public Works, Division of Highways.

Councilman Jahn asked who represents us on this Board, and who had the map.

The City Manager said our City Engineer has been invited to attend all their meetings. He advised the Council that the map was so large there had been no way to duplicate it for them, but that the original was available.

Councilman Drale thought this should go to the Inter-City Highways Committee for their recommendation.

Mayor Isen believed this would serve no purpose, as the other Cities who are members of this Committee had probably received the same communication.

Mayor Isen believed this should go to our Engineering Department for their consideration as these plans would affect Torrance, and not as they may concern other Cities.

Councilman Beasley moved this Map and Plan be referred to Engineering and Planning Commission for consideration and possible recommendations, with a copy of the communication and Resolution to be sent to the Inter-City Highways Committee.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

4. An April 23, 1958, letter from Bates Aviation, Inc., 940 E. 120th St., signed by Wm. H. Poole, Secretary, raised questions on several points of their negotiation with the Council for a lease at the Torrance Airport.

Mayor Isen said the letter stated all points had been discussed to mutual satisfaction, which was not correct. He believed some of the points had been left open.

The City Manager agreed with the Mayor.

Councilman Blount asked if they had a representative present, but there was none.

Councilman Beasley said he would move this be referred back to the Airport Commission for reconsideration, in view of the Council's expressed policy of allowing only three people on the Airport to dispense petroleum products.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen thought it might be better to write to them, pointing out their misstatements, and that Point 7, as given in their letter, would be out completely; if they want to discuss the other points, the Committee would be glad to meet with them again.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount said he believed they would be competing with the City on tie-down rentals, and said he did not like that aspect of this application.

In response to a question, the City Manager said he had pointed this out to them, but they had felt they would not be competing with us because they would attract planes which would not be here otherwise.

Councilman Jahn agreed with Councilman Blount on this point.

5. The City Manager submitted an application for State Flood Relief Funds along with a list of the storm and flood damaged areas in the City, and a Resolution for Council consideration.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3459

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
TO REPAIR OR RESTORE PUBLIC REAL PROPERTY
PURSUANT TO BUDGET ACT, STATUTES OF 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3459.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

In reply to a question from the Mayor, City Manager Stevens

reported he had talked to Sacramento about this, and he believed we might be able to get some help on this. They will conduct an investigation first.

6. An April 21, 1958, letter from Robert W. Strand, 2412 W. 239th St., protested the method of instruction on bids for repair and painting of the plunge.

An April 23, 1958, report from D. J. Horlander of the Dept. of Public Works was also submitted with this letter and reported on the fact that Mr. Strand was given the same treatment and information as others concerned with this bid.

Councilman Drale moved these be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

7. An April 15, 1958, letter from the Mothers' Club of Boy Scout Troop 753, signed by Winnifred Corbett, Secretary, suggested a method be adopted whereby the plunge could be used on a year-around basis.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered.

8. An April 15, 1958, letter from J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Fire Dept., requested authorization to send Battalion Chief Gordon E. Northington, Training Officer, to the Fifth Annual Fire Service Instructors Conference, to be held in Fresno May 19-23, 1958, with an appropriation of \$146.00 to be made for necessary expenses.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. An April 24, 1958, letter from the Finance Dept., signed by Jerome I. Scharman, Director of Finance, recommended establishment by the Council of a separate Fund called the "Special Deposits Fund". The letter bore an April 24, 1958, memorandum of approval from the City Manager.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Officer and the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 23, 1958, letter from the Director of Finance, recommended that the Council provide appropriations from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve in the amount of \$1350.28 and from the Library Fund Unappropriated Reserve in the amount of \$450.03 to pay the assessments on City property in the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District #2, as follows:

Lot 50, block P, Tract 10300	\$450.22
Lot 5, block P, tract 10300	\$450.03
Lot 6, block P, tract 10300	\$450.03
Lot 21, block K, tract 10300	\$450.03

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the request and make the necessary appropriations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 23, 1958, letter from the Ace Sign Co., signed by Bill Brand, requested permission to erect an "L" shaped sign on the SE corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda Blvds. in Torrance. This was re-

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submitted as requested by the Council at their last meeting, when they had asked how long this sign was to be at the corner.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said he had been told they planned to have the sign up for about 6 months, and if it was to stand there longer, the applicant would bring it back for reconsideration.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn said they apparently do not plan to build soon. He asked what type of sign this is.

Mr. Schlens said it is a 2-sided right-angle sign, 10' x 20'. He said if it is approved by the Council, his Department would request that the sign be set back as far as the first residences east of it and well back from the corner. The builder will have to get Police and Fire Department approval automatically, without special recommendation from the Council, Mr. Schlens reported.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 22, 1958, request from the Riviera PTA, signed by J. Warden, Chairman and C. Madden, Corresponding Secretary, asked for a free license to hold their annual School Carnival at El Retiro Park on Saturday, May 3, between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 3:00 P.M.

A memo from the City License Inspector was appended, and reported they had applied to the Recreation Dept. and Park Dept. for use of the park. Mr. Whitacre, our License Inspector, recommended a free license be granted subject to the filing of the required insurance.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead asked if this had cleared the Park and Recreation Departments.

Councilman Blount amended his motion to make approval contingent upon the approval of the Park and Recreation Departments.

Amendment accepted in the second by Councilman Jahn.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager reported that the PTA had submitted an insurance policy which he was not sure met all the requirements.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the City Attorney and License Inspector for their report, later in this meeting if possible.

2. An April 24, 1958 letter from the YWCA of Harbor Area, Torrance Branch, requested a free license to conduct a carnival and loud speaker between the hours of 3:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M. on May 16, 1958, on the YWCA grounds at 2320 Carson Street. The letter was signed by Pauline Greer, Chairman of the Torrance Branch of the YWCA and stated they would furnish additional insurance required by the City for such an event.

In a memo appended, License Inspector Whitacre recommended this request be granted, subject to the filing of the proper insurance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported he would have to check the insurance policy referred to him earlier at more length in order to give a report.

Councilman Blount said he would amend his motion to make approval subject to the City Attorney's approval of the insurance Policy rendered, referring to Item 1 under "Communications Submitted by

License Department".

Councilman Jahn accepted this amendment in his second to that motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Supt. McVicar of the Water Department reported to the Council that he had inspected the bids opened earlier in the evening. He recommended that the bid of the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company be accepted as the lowest bid on the cast iron pipe, and that all other bids be rejected.

Mr. McVicar also recommended that the bid of the Johns-Manville Company on the Asbestos-Cement pipe be accepted.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with these recommendations of the Water Dept. Superintendent.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. An application from the Torrance Jr. Rifle Club, signed by Howard P. Towle, Instructor, was for permission to paint house numbers on curbs, with the money derived from this activity to be used to buy shooting jackets for the members of the Club.

A memorandum from License Inspector Whitacre reported that three groups are now licensed for this particular activity, and he recommended that this free license be granted providing they meet the specifications set up by the Police Department and by the City Council when granting other such permits.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector as set forth in his recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. License Inspector Whitacre reported that he had one application which had come in too late for the Agenda. This was from the Kiwanis, and asked for a free license to conduct a children's talent show to be held in the City Auditorium on May 3 and 4, 1958. They have applied to the Park & Recreation Dept. for the Auditorium on those dates and it has been cleared.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve this request subject to approval of the request for the Auditorium.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

License Inspector Whitacre asked to make a report concerning insurance requirements. He said that several months ago the Council had set up a policy on insurance covering events here in the City, and the City Attorney had prepared a list for the License Department to follow to fulfill the requirements. All his recommendations are made subject to that policy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. An April 25, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, contained the Commission's recommendation that the Council approve a 5-year exclusive lease at the Airport for the Avis Rent-a-Car System, with terms to be worked out with the City Attorney and Airport Manager Jack Egan, commensurate with such agreements at other airports.

Councilman Blount said he believed this to be a fair offer, but that it should go to the Attorney and Airport Manager before the lease is approved.

Mayor Isen agreed, but thought this was here for an expression of policy.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with this recommendation, subject to approval of the lease agreement by the City Attorney and Airport Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 24, 1958, letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, asked whether the park fee and street lighting items Tract No. 24330, (tentatively approved by the Council on February 20, 1958), should be applied on the old or new basis so far as the lighting standards are concerned; as the tract had been tentatively approved before the date of the resolution; and whether the park fee should be on the old or new basis.

Mayor Isen thought these questions should be ruled on by the City Attorney.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would like to have the matters referred to him.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney for his written opinion, to be rendered either next week at the regular Council meeting or the week after.

2. An April 25, 1958, letter from the City Engineer, concerned the traffic signals at 213th and Western Avenues. The letter reported that the City of Los Angeles proposes to remodel the existing signals there at a cost of \$1900 to convert the present fixed-time signals to semi-actuated control on 213th St.

Councilman Blount thought if this was to be altered for them, they should bear the expense.

Councilman Drale asked if we have had any special traffic problems there, and the Chief of Police said no.

Councilman Jahn said he would not object to this, if it were made perfectly clear to them that we do not intend to pay any part of these costs.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the City Attorney to answer according to the statements of the City Council.

At 6:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:15 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. In a letter dated April 23, 1958, the City Attorney handed the Council his recommendations for an ordinance regulating the keeping of cats in the City.

Councilman Drale moved to table this matter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Beasley understood that the Courts had ruled there is no ownership of cats.

The City Attorney had no such information.

Councilman Benstead said ownership could be established at the pound.

Motion to table failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw an Ordinance following his suggestion on Page 1 of this letter, and that he not include in the Ordinance his comments on Page 2 of the letter.

Mayor Isen commented that he believed 3 cats to be a reasonable number, as shown in Paragraph #3 on Page 1.

Councilman Jahn said his motion specified 2 cats.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

Councilman Beasley asked who would collect the cat tax or fee.

The City Attorney replied that unless the Council ordered otherwise, this would be done by the South Bay Humane Society's officer, or by the City's Finance Officer, as is now done with dog license fees.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to say that in preparation of the Ordinance, negotiations with the South Bay Humane Society as to implementation of this should be worked out, with the City Attorney to call on the City Manager for his help if and as necessary.

Councilman Benstead accepted this amendment in his second to the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to submit this ordinance when it was ready, for study, and that it be advertised for a Public Hearing, and that copies of it be made available to interested persons ahead of the Hearing date before the Council. While it is true that all such Ordinances have Public Hearings before the Council, the Mayor said, he considered this of special interest to the Public.

Mayor Isen asked when this could be ready, and the City Attorney said it might be as long as three weeks.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the date for the Hearing on this Ordinance as May 27, 1958, an 8:00 P. M. meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3460

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF VISTA DEL MAR HIGHWAY NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE MARINA DEL REY AT PLAYA DEL REY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3460.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3461

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST A GRANT DEED CONVEYING TO ROME CABLE CORPORATION CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1730 TORRANCE BOULEVARD; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS AND TO DO CERTAIN OTHER ACTS RELATING TO THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3461.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3462

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REAPPOINTING THE DIRECTOR AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY; DESIGNATING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO SAID DISTRICTS; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3055 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3462.

Mayor Isen pointed out to the City Attorney that there is an error in the Title of this Resolution, and the same error in Section 1 of the Resolution, which both should read 're-appointing the Mayor as a member of the Boards of Directors', etc.

The City Attorney said this would be corrected.

Councilman Benstead amended his motion for adoption of Resolution No. 3462 to specify that this correction be made.

Motion, as amended, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title to a Resolution submitted by the City Attorney with a cover letter dated April 24, 1958, re a license to Vegas Airways, Inc., to operate Unicom Station on Torrance Airport. The City Attorney said the license had been changed in accord with the request of the Council as made at the April 22, 1958, meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 3463

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A LICENSE FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO VEGAS AIRWAYS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, AS SOLE OPERATOR FOR ADVISORY STATION LICENSING PURPOSES FOR THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3463.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated April 23, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council the proposed Rabies Ordinance. The letter stated that this had been submitted to the State Department of Public Health, who had communicated with him and he had made all necessary corrections, so that the proposed ordinance now submitted complies with the State requirements.

Mayor Isen asked exactly which changes had been made in this, as he thought it should be held for study by the Council.

Councilmen Blount and Jahn did not have all the Ordinance, as some of the pages submitted to them were blank.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen referred this to the City Attorney to be on the Agenda of the next regular meeting of the Council, with the instruction that the changes be underlined in red.

2. With a cover letter dated April 23, 1958, the City Attorney submitted the revised Off-Street Parking Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn felt some of the requirements were quite heavy as they are set forth in this.

The City Attorney reported this revised Ordinance was the work of the entire Staff.

Councilman Drale asked if this includes all areas of the City.

The City Attorney said it does; he said it was here for study only. He pointed out that there could be some provision for exceptions to this Ordinance; it is a part of the Land Use Ordinance, and if an exception was desired, it could be applied for by Variance, or there could be written in to this Ordinance a provision whereby a Use Permit could be granted instead of a Variance.

Councilman Bradford asked if any provision had been made for churches here in the City which might wish to increase their occupancy but could not increase their parking.

The City Attorney said they would have to obtain a Variance; he realized the difficulty of this, and thought it might be better to allow for Use Permits to be granted.

Councilman Drale suggested these be written into the Ordinance.

The City Attorney explained that the right to appeal for a Variance would be automatic, but that the right to appeal for a Use Permit would have to be written in.

Councilman Jahn asked if this included the downtown area.

The City Attorney said it did.

Mayor Isen said they had been excluded from the previous one because they had been working on an off-street parking district at the time that Ordinance was considered.

Councilman Jahn said other Ordinances of this type, such as the County one, would consider the percentage of alteration; in other words, if alterations of more than 50% of the value of the building were made, then the owner must comply with the previous ordinance. That would not apply under this Ordinance.

The City Attorney said that is a question of what the Council wants.

This was discussed quite thoroughly.

Councilman Jahn said he wanted that provision spelled out.

The City Attorney said that was a question of policy which the Council must set.

Councilman Beasley felt if the size of a building was altered, it should come under the increased parking requirements.

Mayor Isen felt this would be unreasonable in some instances.

Councilman Jahn asked if a Use Permit could be granted without application to the Council.

The City Attorney said no, but the law is different on Variances and Use Permits; the Variance is a difference from the surrounding area which is not allowed without permission; a Use Permit is granted because of a similarity of use and circumstance.

Mayor Isen quoted circumstances under which downtown merchants might want to improve or alter their buildings, but where they could not provide extra parking.

Councilman Beasley felt they could ask for a Variance under the hardship clause.

Mayor Isen did not agree, saying he did not believe this would be considered a hardship under the law.

Mayor Isen suggested this be referred back to the City Attorney to be re-written again spelling out the alteration requirements for parking in line with the statements of ideas of the Council, and to provide for exceptions to the Ordinance itself.

Councilman Jahn expressed himself as favoring a definite percentage of alterations before requiring compliance with the Ordinance, but he did not favor the Use Permit; he thought any exceptions should be by Variance.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Councilman Jahn.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens suggested the alteration requirement might be based on the alteration of occupancy load.

Councilman Drale said he did not want to hurt the City tax-wise by requiring parking.

Councilman Beasley said the Variance could handle this situation.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney amend this Ordinance before sending it back by inserting under Section 1 a provision stating that if alterations not more than 50% of the value of a building are made, according to the determination of the Building Dept., or if the occupancy load is not increased by alterations, that the building would not come under the provisions of this Ordinance; and that in this ordinance it be provided only for a Variance in order to depart from this Ordinance.

Councilman Drale said he would second the motion if Councilman Jahn would amend it to state that a Variance and/or Use Permit could be obtained to deviate from the Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn so amended the motion, which was seconded by Councilman Drale.

After some discussion of the term 'occupancy load', as mentioned by the Supt. of Bldg., the City Attorney reported that applied only to places of assembly.

Councilman Blount said that 99% of those in our downtown area have already been constructed, and they do not allow for parking around them. He said the Council had considered the commercial establishments, and he suggested they consider the buildings already built, particularly churches, and delete them completely from this section.

Councilman Beasley asked why we could not grant them Variances as needed.

Councilman Blount explained he meant only those already built.

Councilman Bradford agreed, saying many churches in downtown Torrance cannot add parking space.

Mayor Isen thought this could be accomplished by stating that the phrase 'structurally altered' should be struck out.

Councilman Blount said he referred only to sub-Paragraph A.

Councilman Bradford asked if the motion could not be amended to except churches already constructed.

The City Attorney asked if the Council wished a restriction on them.

Councilman Blount said he wanted to study the Ordinance when it is ready.

Mayor Isen pointed out it had been suggested this be referred back to the Attorney for re-working in accordance with all this discussion.

Councilman Beasley said he did not want to leave any loopholes for new buildings, and he explained that in Walteria slum areas are being created by buildings of a commercial nature going up without providing parking, and he thought this should be guarded against.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion, as this was to be referred back to the City Attorney.

Councilman Drale withdrew his second to the motion.

The Ordinance was referred back to the City Attorney for his attention.

3. An April 25, 1958, cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett presented to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 970, which had been approved at the first reading on April 22, 1958, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 970

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 3 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 3 THEREFOR RELATING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 970 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. With a cover letter dated April 25, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for their second reading the following ordinances, all of which were unanimously approved at their first reading on April 25, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

Ordinances No: 975-Case No. 479
976-Case No. 478
977-Case No. 480
978-Case No. 481
979-Case No. 482
980-Case No. 483

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 975

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 479.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 975 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 976

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 478.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 976, at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 977

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 480.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 977 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 978

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 481.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 978 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 979

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 482.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 979 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 483.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 980 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. With a cover letter dated April 25, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 981, which was approved at its first reading on April 22, 1958, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 981

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 484.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 981 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported that the report of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and the report of the Controller of the Metropolitan Water District for the month of March, 1958, are now on file in the City Clerk's office.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 11-17, 1958, as EQUAL JOB OPPORTUNITY WEEK in Torrance.

2. Mayor Isen proclaimed the day of Saturday, May 3, 1958, as "FIRE SERVICE DAY" in the City of Torrance, in recognition of the splendid services rendered to our community by the Torrance Fire Department.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported that next Tuesday at 4:00 P. M., a demonstration of tree trimming booms will be made here at the Civic Center. He said we would appreciate having any Councilmen who could be present come to see this.

The City Manager told the Council he thought we should be preparing the petroleum sales contracts for Vegas Airway, Inc., and Acme Aircraft at the Airport; he felt we were losing money by not having these.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw up the agreements in accordance with the qualifications passed by the Council concerning the servicing and the use and the dispensing of gasoline and oils by Vegas and Acme at the Torrance Airport.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

License Inspector Whitacre told the Council he had been directed at the April 15 meeting of the Council to prepare a report on the refund of licenses. He had the report ready to make.

Mayor Isen asked that this be held over until next week's meeting of the Council.

Mr. Whitacre said he would not be present then, but that there are two applications for refunds now which he would recommend be denied.

There were no objections, and Mr. Whitacre was directed to hand his report to the City Manager to submit to the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Mr. Whitacre upon his pending marriage, and expressed to him the best wishes of the Council for both Mr. Whitacre and his bride.

Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield pointed out to the Council the second paragraph of a letter from the Regional Planning Commission of Los Angeles County, signed Milton Breivogel, Director, by John P. Commons, Chief, Advance Planning Division; this letter was on the Agenda marked 'For Information Only', and the second paragraph read:

"We should like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your continued cooperation. We have found through special census results that your building reports are among the most accurate in the county; for example, in the 1956 Torrance Special Census, our dwelling-unit estimate was off only 20 units out of a total count of over 23,462 units. A major element in this achievement was the accuracy of the building statistics which you reported to us."

There were no objections, and this was ordered made a matter of record, with the Council congratulating Mr. Schlens for this achievement.

Councilman Jahn reported that the building in Walteria known as the 'Old Japanese Church' is being demolished and the work is over one-half done.

Mayor Isen presented the following list of appointments to the Standing Committees of the City Council, as of April 29, 1958.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Robert B. Jahn
Members: Nickolas O. Drale
J. A. Beasley

Has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to land uses and businesses at Airport. Has power to make studies.

Acts in an advisory capacity to the Council in the improvement of the Airport.

AUDITORIUM, INSPECTION, PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Chairman: J. A. Beasley
Members: Robert B. Jahn
Willys G. Blount

Has jurisdiction over permits for gas and electricity, building regulations, transportation, Public Library and Civic Auditorium.

Under this Committee are Building, Plumbing, Electrical, Custodial Departments, Public Library, Municipal Bus Lines and Garage.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Willys G. Blount
Members: Victor E. Benstead
Albert Isen

Has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to accounting, auditing, disbursing City funds, City records, Water Department, Ordinance, Franchises and legal procedure.

Under this Committee are the City Clerk, Treasurer, Water and Legal Departments.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Victor E. Benstead
Members: George A. Bradford
J. A. Beasley

Has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to Police and Fire Departments, street lights, stray animals and public health.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Chairman: George A. Bradford
Members: Willys G. Blount
Victor E. Benstead

Has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to public parks and recreation.

Under this Committee are the Park and Recreation Departments.

STREET, SEWER AND REFUSE COLLECTION COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Nickolas O. Drale
Members: Robert B. Jahn
George A. Bradford

Has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to streets, sewers, repair construction, tools, machinery and City lands.

Under this Committee are Public Works, Engineering and Street Departments.

Note #1: The Mayor will serve as an alternate on all Committees when called or necessary.

Note #2: TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: (Pursuant to Ordinance No. 446)
Robert B. Jahn appointed as a member from City Council.

Mayor Isen pointed out that each Councilman will serve as the Chairman of a Committee, but there are no alternates. If an alternate is needed by any Committee, the Mayor asked that he be called.

Mayor Isen believed that some day not too far away the Standing Committees should be revised to fit the changing needs of the City.

Mr. Herb Lieberman, 5428 Palos Verdes Boulevard, discussed with the Council his efforts to get street lights in the area where he lives. Mr. Lieberman felt that the present Lighting District plans had caused even further delay; he suggested that the City assist them now by bearing the cost of their lighting for the 9 month period between the time the District is formed and the time the costs for this can be put on the tax rolls.

Mr. Lieberman was directed to check further into this with the Engineering Department, as the Council believed this suggestion did not fit Council policy.

Mr. Lieberman discussed this further with the Council.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Lieberman to meet with the City Manager tomorrow, if possible, and go into this matter.

Director of Public Works John V. Russell told the Council the Engineering Department has a petition presented by Mr. Lieberman, as well as one or two others, and these are being processed now.

Mayor Isen explained to Mr. Lieberman that this is a new Council, and there is no way of saying what the policy will be on the Lighting Districts or similar matters.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P. M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance